

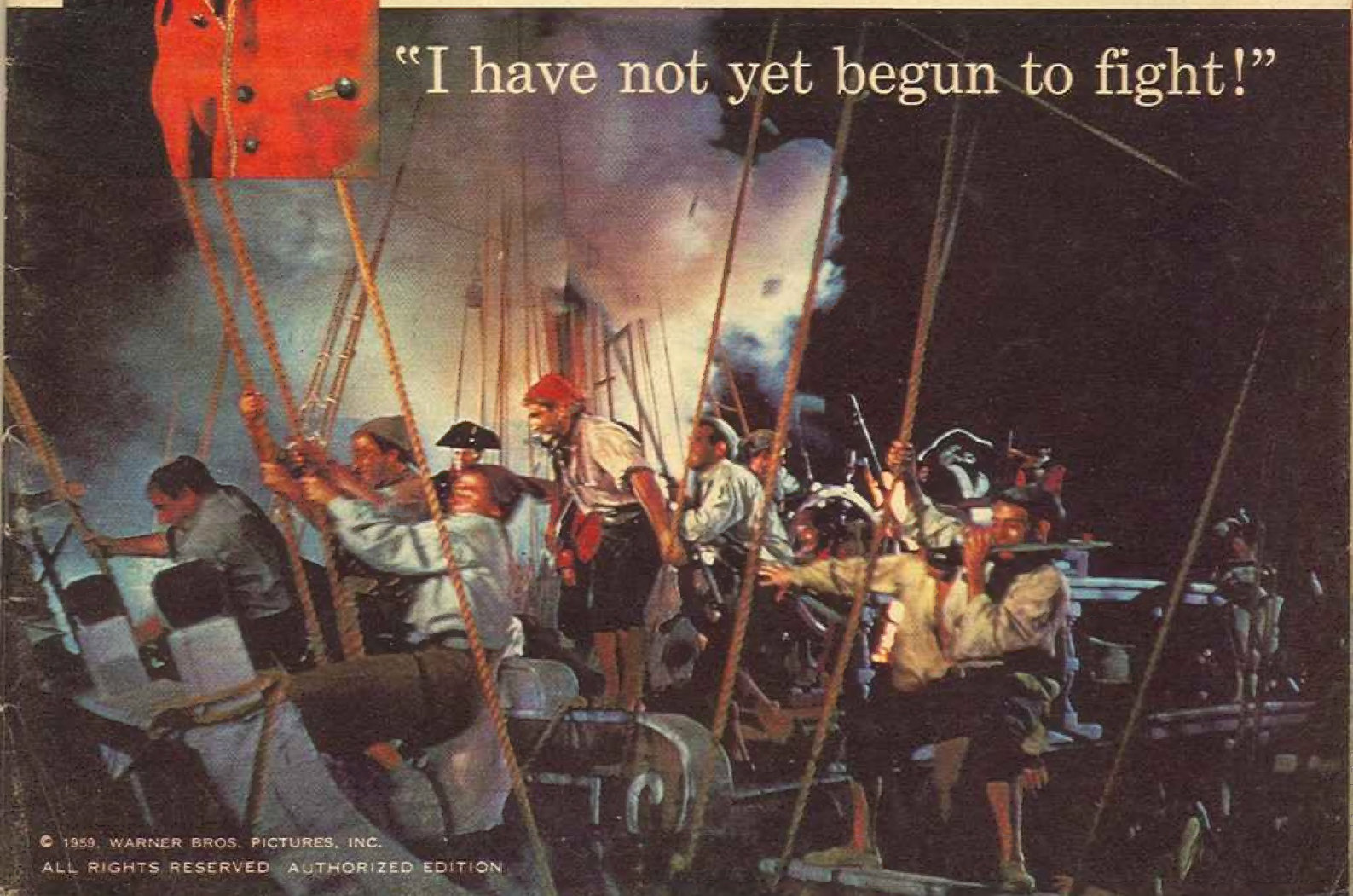
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JOHN PAUL JONES



"I have not yet begun to fight!"



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WARNER BROS. Pictures Presents
"JOHN PAUL JONES"

starring
ROBERT STACK **MARISA PAVAN**
CHARLES COBURN **ERIN O'BRIEN**

And a Special Appearance
by

BETTE DAVIS
as Catherine the Great

Guest Stars

MACDONALD CAREY **JEAN PIERRE AUMONT**
DAVID FARRAR **PETER CUSHING**
SUSANA CANALES

Screenplay by John Farrow and Jesse Lasky, Jr.

PRODUCED BY SAMUEL BRONSTON • DIRECTED BY JOHN FARROW

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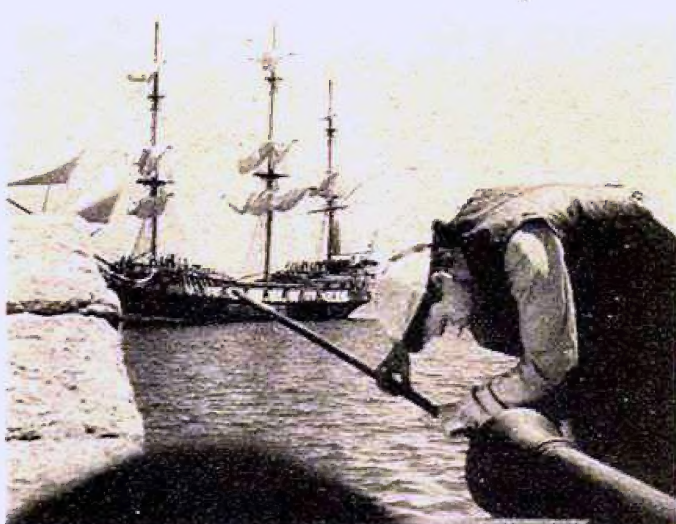
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Serving his adopted country, John Paul Jones leads American Marines in their first invasion of foreign soil . . .



Accepts the command of the "Ranger," the first American warship to fly the proud "Stars and Stripes" . . .



And sails it into a French port, where the new flag is first acknowledged by a foreign country.



There, in the courts of King Louis XVI, he finds romance . . . and financial aid . . .



To carry America's fight for freedom to the shores of England.

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AYE! GOD
BLESS 'EM!

WHAT YE
THINK, LAD?

I KEN NAUGHT ABOUT KINGS,
BUT I LOVE THE SEA!

YOU'RE TALKING TO THE RIGHT MAN
NOW, JOHN PAUL! MR. YOUNGER KNOWS
ALL ABOUT THE SEA! HE IS A SHIP
OWNER!

BUT A SHIP OWNER IS NOT THE SAME AS BEING A SHIPMASTER, IS IT, LAD?

OH, NO, SIR! I WANT TO GO TO DEEP WATER! I WANT TO FEEL THE HEAVE OF THE DECK BENEATH ME!

THEN COME, LAD... WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT! I THINK I HAVE A PLACE FOR YOU ON ONE OF MY SHIPS!

OH, SIR... DO YOU MEAN IT?

THE SHIP OWNER DID MEAN IT! TWO DAYS LATER, YOUNG JOHN PAUL WAS ON THE HIGH SEAS...

HE WAS TAUGHT TO REEF...

TO SPLICE AND TO STEER... IN FACT, ALL THE THINGS THAT A SEAMAN HAS TO KNOW...

BY THE TIME HE WAS SEVENTEEN, HE HAD BECOME A SKILLED NAVIGATOR...

THREE YEARS BEFORE THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, HE WAS NOT ONLY MASTER OF HIS OWN SHIP, BUT ALSO PART OWNER. HIS FUTURE SEEMED BRIGHT, BUT THERE WAS TROUBLE AHEAD...

CAP'N! SOME OF THE MEN HAVE BROKEN INTO THE RUM LOCKER!



I THINK THE MOMENT HAS COME FOR ME TO BE HAVING A LITTLE TALK WITH THE GENTLEMEN!



AS CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL STEPS OUT INTO THE COMPANIONWAY...

WE WANT OUR MONEY!

YOU WELL KNOW THE ARTICLES YOU SIGNED! YOU'LL GET YOUR PAY WHEN WE RETURN TO HOME PORT! I ORDER YOU TO GO FORWARD!



WE'VE BEEN GONE FROM OUR HOME PORT FOR MORE THAN A YEAR NOW! WE WANT TO GO ASHORE TONIGHT WITH MONEY IN OUR POCKETS! THERE'S MONEY IN YOUR CABIN! NOW, **STEP ASIDE!**

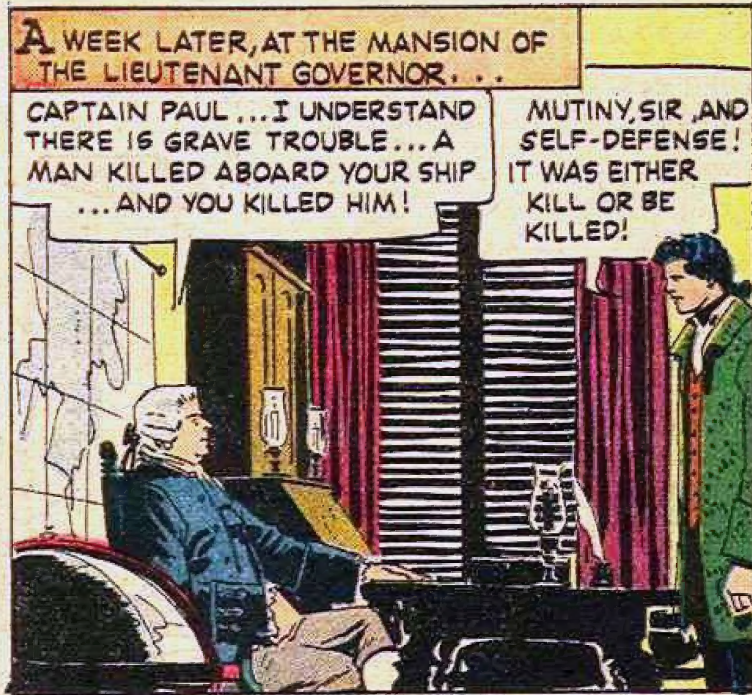
TWO OF THE SAILORS JUMP THE CAPTAIN AND HE STRIKES BACK...





TAKE HIM TO
THE FOCSE!
BEAR A
HAND!

THE FOCSE'S NO PLACE FOR
HIM, CAP'N, YOU'VE CRACKED
HIS SKULL! ONLY PLACE FOR
HIM IS THE DEEP SIX!



A WEEK LATER, AT THE MANSION OF
THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR...

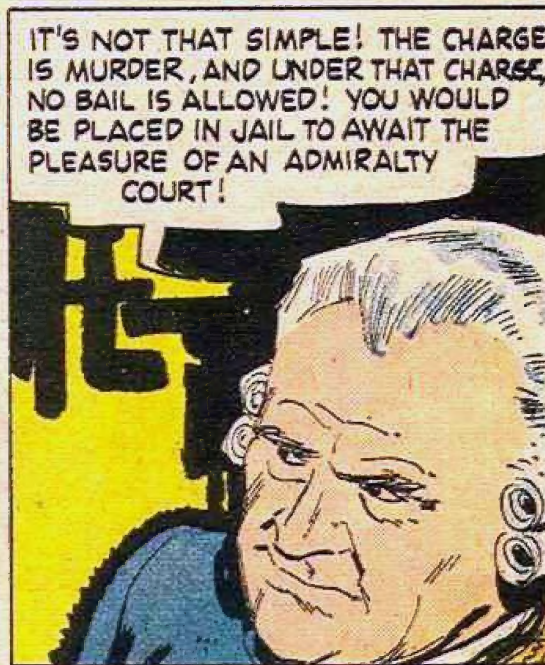
CAPTAIN PAUL... I UNDERSTAND
THERE IS GRAVE TROUBLE... A
MAN KILLED ABOARD YOUR SHIP
... AND YOU KILLED HIM!

MUTINY, SIR, AND
SELF-DEFENSE!
IT WAS EITHER
KILL OR BE
KILLED!



NEVERTHELESS, A MAN HAS BEEN
KILLED IN THIS HARBOR, AND, AS IN
ALL HIS MAJESTY'S COLONIES,
THAT MEANS THERE MUST BE
A TRIAL!

I AM READY TO
STAND TRIAL, SIR!

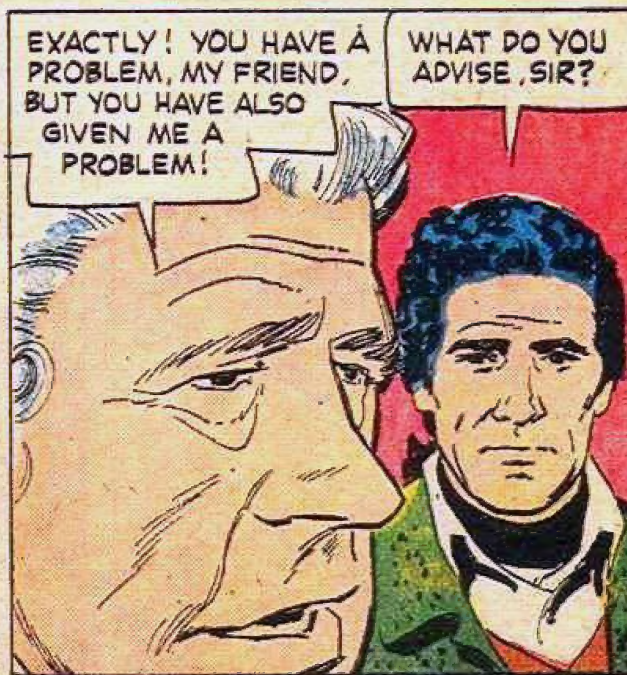


IT'S NOT THAT SIMPLE! THE CHARGE
IS MURDER, AND UNDER THAT CHARGE,
NO BAIL IS ALLOWED! YOU WOULD
BE PLACED IN JAIL TO AWAIT THE
PLEASURE OF AN ADMIRALTY
COURT!



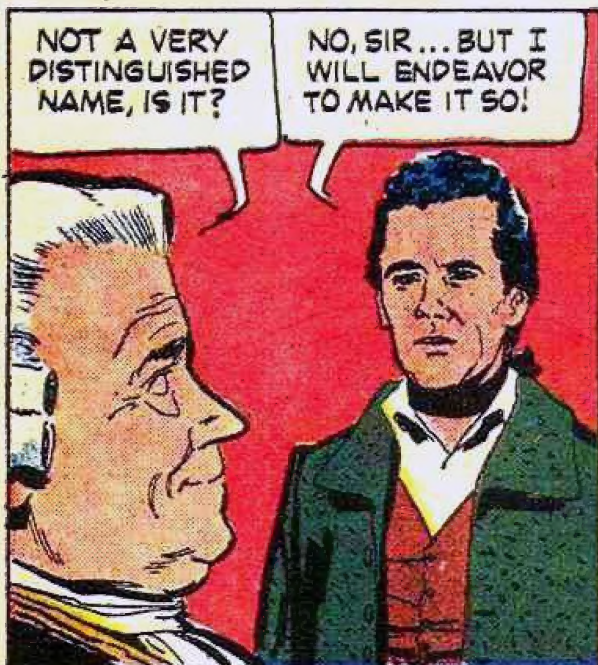
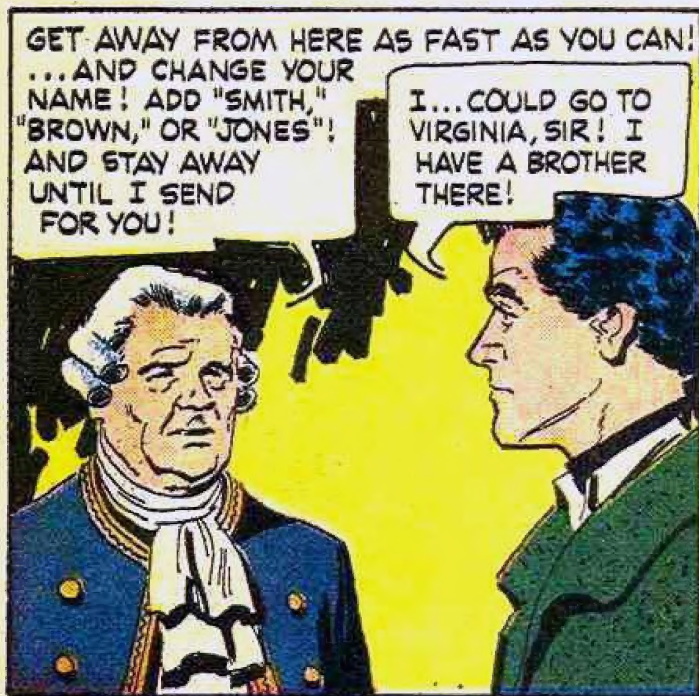
THE TROUBLE IS, A COURT
WOULD NOT BE HELD FOR
A YEAR, OR TWO! IN THE
MEANTIME, WHAT BECOMES
OF DISCIPLINE ON
OTHER SHIPS?

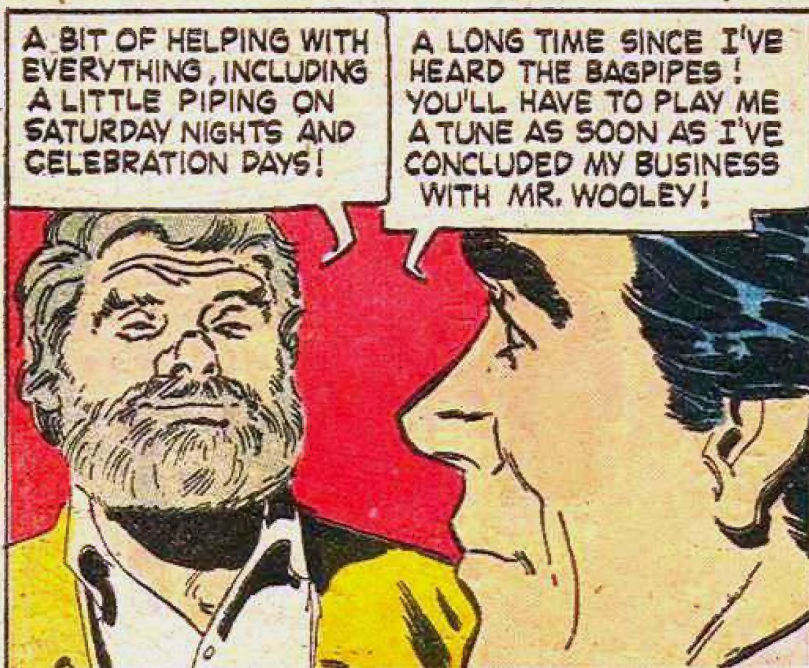
IT WOULD SUFFER,
SIR... IF ANY RASCAL
KNOWS THAT A SHIP'S
MASTER ROTS IN JAIL
JUST FOR UPHOLDING
AUTHORITY!



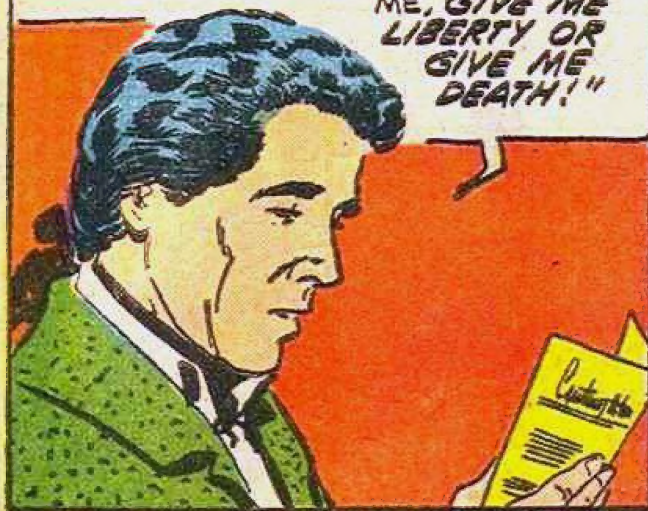
EXACTLY! YOU HAVE A
PROBLEM, MY FRIEND,
BUT YOU HAVE ALSO
GIVEN ME A
PROBLEM!

WHAT DO YOU
ADVISE, SIR?





"IS LIFE SO DEAR OR PEACE SO SWEET
AS TO BE PURCHASED AT THE PRICE OF
CHAINS AND SLAVERY? FORBID IT,
ALMIGHTY GOD! I KNOW NOT WHAT
COURSE OTHERS MAY TAKE, BUT AS FOR
ME, *GIVE ME
LIBERTY OR
GIVE ME
DEATH!*"



AS YOU SAY, A BIT FREE WITH
WORDS! IF HE IS STILL AT
LARGE AFTER WRITING THIS,
HE *MUST* BE A GOOD LAWYER!

I THANK YOU FOR
THE COMPLIMENT,
SIR! PATRICK
HENRY, AT YOUR
SERVICE!



MY PLEASURE, SIR! I'M
WILLIAM PAUL'S BROTHER
... JOHN PAUL JONES!

JONES...?



IT'S A LONG STORY!
I'D LIKE TO TALK TO
YOU ABOUT HANDLING
MY ESTATE IF I MAY!

CERTAINLY! WHY DON'T
WE GO TO MY HOUSE!
I'LL TRY TO SHOW YOU
SOME VIRGINIA
HOSPITALITY AT
ITS BEST!



REMEMBER, SIR
... MR. MACBEAN
AND I ARE
LOOKING FORWARD
TO SHIPPING
WITH YOU!

IF I GET A SHIP,
YOU'LL BE THE
FIRST SIGNED!
I PROMISE YOU
THAT!



WITHIN A SHORT TIME, JOHN PAUL JONES AND
PATRICK HENRY BECOME GREAT FRIENDS . . .

IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME, JOHN, I WOULD LIKE TO TRY TO
GET YOU A COMMISSION IN THE CONTINENTAL NAVY!

OH? I DIDN'T KNOW THERE *WAS*
A CONTINENTAL NAVY, PATRICK!



I MUST ADMIT, IT'S IN NAME ONLY! BUT WHEN THE TIME COMES, AS IT WILL, SHIPS WILL BE MORE EASILY FOUND THAN CAPABLE SEA OFFICERS!

AYE! THAT IS GENERALLY THE CASE!



I AM MEETING WITH SOME VERY INFLUENTIAL MEN THIS EVENING! COULD YOU JOIN US ABOUT EIGHT?

CERTAINLY! AND THANK YOU, PATRICK, FOR YOUR EFFORTS ON MY BEHALF!



THAT EVENING...

I REPEAT, GENTLEMEN, THIS JOHN PAUL JONES IS A RARE CATCH FOR US! HE FIRST SAILED TO THESE COLONIES AS A CABIN BOY AT THE AGE OF TWELVE... A STRETCH IN HIS MAJESTY'S NAVY... AND MASTER OF A MERCHANTMAN AT TWENTY-TWO!



WE REALIZE, PATRICK, THAT HE HAS SAILED THE WATERS OF THE WORLD... STUDIED NAVAL WARFARE... BUT THERE IS ONE SERIOUS DRAWBACK!



HE HAS CHANGED HIS NAME TO HIDE FROM A MURDER CHARGE IN TOBAGO! I TROUBLED TO INVESTIGATE YOUR NEW FRIEND, PATRICK! THERE ARE EVEN RUMORS OF PIRACY!



IF IT COMES TO REBELLION, WE MAY NEED SOME EXPERIENCED PIRATES!

DEFENSE UPON THE SEA SHOULD NOT REST WITH ADVENTURERS!



CAPTAIN JOHN
PAUL JONES!

DELIGHTED YOU ACCEPTED
THE INVITATION, JOHN!

MAY I PRESENT
MESSRS. DANDERS
...BROWN...MOORE
AND WESTON!

MY PLEASURE,
GENTLEMEN!



YOU KNOW WHY
WE'RE HERE,
CAPTAIN...AND
WHY PATRICK
ASKED YOU TO
JOIN US?

YES, SIR! NO SCOT IS
A STRANGER TO THE
CAUSE OF FREEDOM,
MR. DANDERS!

WE'RE NOT WITHOUT EXPERIENCED ARMY
OFFICERS, BUT THERE'S A GREAT NEED FOR
TRAINED SEA FIGHTERS!

IF WE OFFERED
YOU A COMMISSION,
WOULD YOU ACCEPT
IT, CAPTAIN?



MY ROOTS ARE IN SCOTLAND!
MY HOME HAS BEEN A DECK!
I HAVE STRONG SYMPATHY WITH
ANY FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, BUT
I DID NOT COME TO VIRGINIA
TO SEEK AN APPOINTMENT!

WHY *DID* YOU
COME?

TO ESCAPE A JAIL CELL, SIR!
IS THAT ANSWER ENOUGH
FOR YOU?

ANY COURT WILL
CLEAR HIM!



BUT ONLY A CROWN COURT CAN TRY ME! IF I JOIN YOU NOW, I'LL ADD TREASON TO THE CHARGE OF MURDER! I AM AFRAID, GENTLEMEN, THAT I MUST DECLINE YOUR OFFER!

BUT, JOHN... YOU ARE A MAN OF THE SEA! WHAT WILL YOU DO?



WITH THE HELP OF MY BROTHER'S LEGACY, I WILL FORGET THE PROBLEMS OF A SHIPMASTER AND ENJOY MAKING A LIVING ON MY OWN LAND! GOOD EVENING, GENTLEMEN!



FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS, JOHN PAUL JONES BECOMES A GENTLEMAN FARMER, BUT THE YEARNING FOR THE SOUNDS AND SMELLS OF THE SEA STAYS WITH HIM! THEN...



'TIS PATRICK HENRY, CAPTAIN!

AYE! HE RIDES AS IF HE CARRIES A MESSAGE OF IMPORTANCE!



JOHN, I HAVE SERIOUS NEWS! A COMMITTEE HAS RIDDEN NORTH WITH COLONEL WASHINGTON TO REPRESENT VIRGINIA AT THE EMERGENCY SESSION OF CONGRESS! CHURCH BELLS ARE SOUNDING THE ALARM!

WAR IS BEGINNING?



HAS BEGUN! THERE ARE BATTLES AT LEXINGTON AND CONCORD... OUR COAST IS BEING BLOCKADED! ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT FOR THE NEW COUNTRY?

ARE YOU, PATRICK?



OF COURSE I AM...
AND I HOPE TO BECOME
THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF
A FREE VIRGINIA!

THEN I WILL TAKE A
SHIP! A SHIP THAT WILL
FLY THE FLAG OF A NEW
NATION, COME TO STAY!

TWO DAYS LATER, JOHN'S
ORDERS ARRIVE...

*You are hereby
directed to Captain
Dudley Saltonstall
at present commanding
the ship "Alfred".
By C.*

AND A WEEK
LATER, HE
BOARDS THE
"ALFRED"
SPEAKING
WITH
CONGRESSMAN
JOSEPH
HEWES...

WE FOUGHT WITH THE MARINE
COMMITTEE FOR TWO DAYS, REALIZING
YOU SHOULD HAVE A COMMAND OF
YOUR OWN... BUT THERE WERE ONLY
FOUR SHIPS... MANY PETITIONERS...
AND MANY RELATIVES!

THE COMMITTEE MAY FIND
THAT SALT WATER IS THICKER
THAN BLOOD! AN OFFICER'S
CORPS MUST BE BUILT UPON
TRAINING AND MERIT!



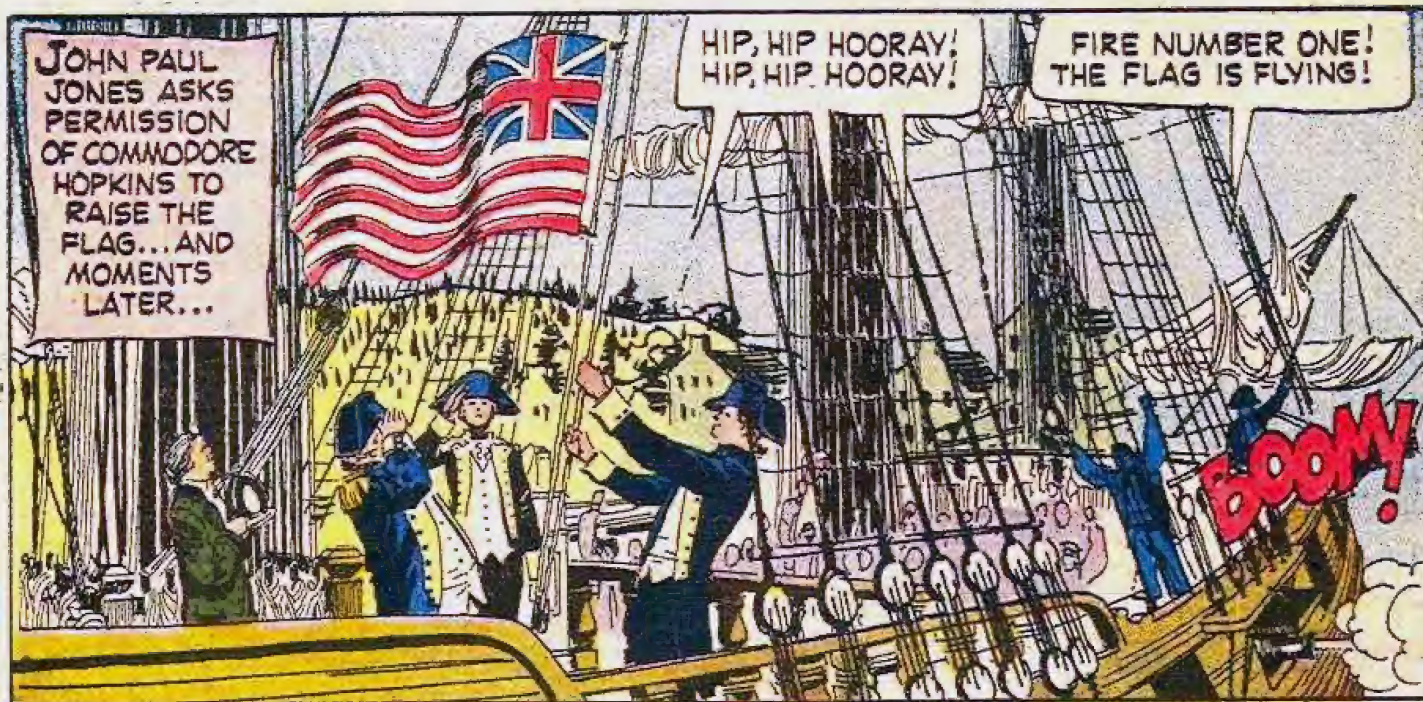
SIR, THESE FLAGS WILL BE WORN BY
AN AMERICAN SHIP OF WAR FOR THE
FIRST TIME! YOU ARE WITNESS TO
THE OATH THAT I WILL
ALWAYS ATTEND THEM
WITH VENERATION AND
HONOR!

IT WILL BE A
PRIVILEGE TO
WITNESS
SUCH A
CEREMONY!



MOMENTS LATER, COMMODORE HOPKINS,
FIRST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE UNITED
STATES NAVY COMES ABOARD THE "ALFRED"...





JOHN PAUL JONES ASKS PERMISSION OF COMMODORE HOPKINS TO RAISE THE FLAG... AND MOMENTS LATER...

HIP, HIP HOORAY!
HIP, HIP HOORAY!

FIRE NUMBER ONE!
THE FLAG IS FLYING!

BOOM!



THE SHIP IS COMMISSIONED, BUT, ALLOW ME TO ASK, WHERE IS THE CAPTAIN?

HE SENT WORD HE WOULD BE DETAINED FOR A FEW MORE DAYS, SIR!



THERE'S YOUR POLITICAL INFLUENCE FOR YOU... A CAPTAIN ABSENT FROM HIS SHIP ON SUCH AN OCCASION! HOW DO YOU, GENTLEMEN, EXPECT TO MAKE A NAVY WITH SUCH?



AT LEAST, COMMODORE, WE PROVIDED YOU WITH AN EXCELLENT, SECOND-IN-COMMAND! JOHN PAUL JONES!

YES! AND AS OF NOW, I APPOINT HIM CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP!



WE SAIL AT DAWN, CAPTAIN, FOR ABACO, IN THE BAHAMAS! THERE, I AM CERTAIN, WE WILL FIND A TARGET FOR OUR GUNS!

AYE, SIR! AND I AM CERTAIN WE SHALL HIT THE TARGET!

THE COMMODORE'S SQUADRON
SETS SAIL FOR THE BAHAMAS...



AND THREE WEEKS LATER...

EVERY SHORE BATTERY AT FORT NASSAU WILL BE POINTED AT US! OUR ONLY ALTERNATIVE WILL BE TO SAIL AROUND THE ISLAND AND TRY A LANDING! ANY QUESTIONS?

NO SIR! NO, SIR!



TWO QUESTIONS, SIR! FIRST, THERE'S NO ANCHORAGE THERE! SECOND, A LANDING PARTY WOULD HAVE TO MARCH ACROSS THE WHOLE BREADTH OF THE ISLAND!



SINCE FORT NASSAU EXPECTS US, WHY NOT ATTACK FORT MONTAGUE? THEN WE COULD MARCH THREE MILES AND TAKE NASSAU FROM THE REAR!

THERE ARE DANGEROUS REEFS THERE! IT CAN'T BE DONE!



WE CAPTURED A NASSAU PILOT YESTERDAY! PUT ME WITH THAT PILOT AND YOU'LL ANCHOR OFF FORT MONTAGUE WITHOUT SCRAPING A BARNACLE!

YOU'RE PERSUASIVE, JONES... BUT IF YOU FAIL...



WE WON'T FAIL! WE'LL ANCHOR OUT OF GUN RANGE! THEN GIVE ME TWO HUNDRED MARINES AND WE'LL LAND IN SMALL BOATS THROUGH THE SURF!

WHOEVER HEARD OF SENDING MARINES FROM A SHIP TO FIGHT ON LAND?



THE VIKINGS,
COMMODORE,
A THOUSAND
YEARS AGO!

YOUR AUDACITY AMAZES
ME, BUT SOMEHOW YOU'VE
PERSUADED ME!
GENTLEMEN, WE'LL
ADOPT JONES'S PLAN!
CONFERENCE IS OVER!

JOHN AND THE CAPTURED NASSAU PILOT LEAD
THE SQUADRON THROUGH THE REEFS . . .

REEF TO
STARBOARD!

STARBOARD
ONE POINT!

SHOAL WATER
TO PORT, SIR!

TRIM THE YARDS,
MAINBRACES! LOOK
LIVELY, MEN!

AN ANXIOUS HALF-HOUR LATER,
SAFE WATER IS REACHED!

WE MADE IT,
BEGORRA!

IN LONGBOATS,
AMERICAN
MARINES FAN
OUT IN THE
PATTERN OF
SHIP-TO-SHORE
LANDING THAT
WILL, DOWN THE
CENTURIES,
FORM A
PATTERN FOR
VICTORIES
TO COME...

THE MINUTE THEY TOUCH THE SHORE,
MARINES POUR OVER THE SIDE,
SPLASHING TOWARD THE BEACH!
CONTINENTAL LEATHERNECKS, THE
FATHERS OF ONE OF THE MOST
DISTINGUISHED FIGHTING FAMILIES
ON EARTH...



AND NOT MORE THAN AN HOUR
LATER, ABOARD THE ALFRED...

NOT ONE SHOT FROM MONTAGUE
AGAINST US! WHAT'S THAT
ABOVE THE RAMPARTS, JONES?
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT?

OUR
CONTINENTAL
FLAG, SIR! THE
FORT IS TAKEN!



AND FOR HIS SKILL AND DARING, JOHN PAUL
JONES IS REWARDED WITH HIS SECOND
COMMAND, THE SLOOP, "PROVIDENCE"...

WELL DONE,
CAPTAIN JONES!

THANK YOU, SIR!



IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN...

THINK OF IT, MR. WOOLEY...
THE WHOLE ATLANTIC
SEABOARD IS TO BE
OUR BALIWICK!

WE'RE
SMALL, SIR...
AND WE ONLY
CARRY TWELVE
GUNS!



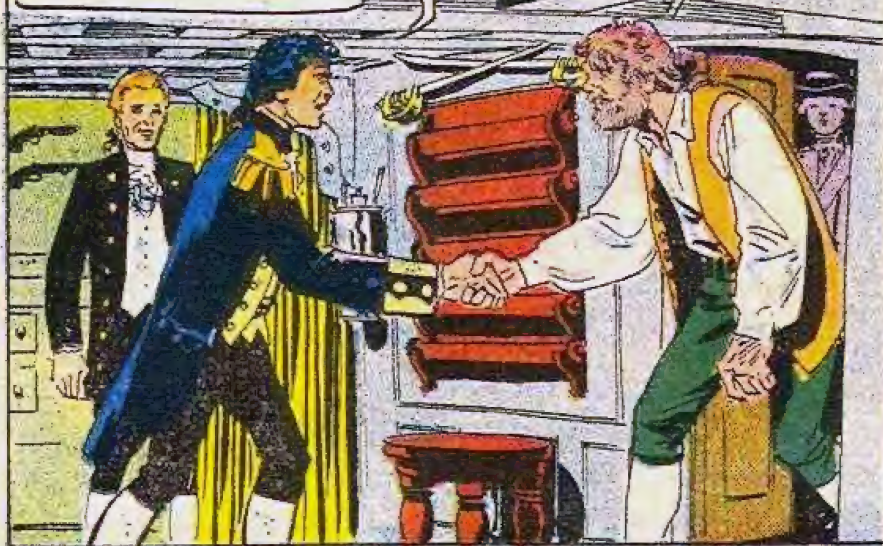
BUT WE'RE TRIM
AND FAST! SHE'LL
DANCE THROUGH
A LINE OF
FRIGATES LIKE
A FRENCH
BALLERINA!

AYE! WITH ANY
LUCK AT ALL,
WE'LL HAVE A
POCKETFUL OF
GOLD SOON! PRIZES
GALORE FROM
NOVA SCOTIA TO
THE WEST
INDIES!



MACBEAN, YOU OLD RASCAL! WELCOME ABOARD! BUT WHO GAVE YOU LEAVE TO DESERT THE PLANTATION?

CAPTAIN, THERE IS NO PLANTATION ANY MORE!



EVERY BUILDING BURNED, CROPS DESTROYED, LIVESTOCK KILLED! LORD DUNMORE'S TROOPS AND HIS TORY FRIENDS HAVE LEFT YE ONLY BLACKENED GROUND!



SO THEY WILL FIGHT THAT WAY, WILL THEY? WELL, I'VE ORDERS TO SAIL TOMORROW! "TAKE, SINK, BURN, OR DESTROY ALL SUCH SHIPS, VESSELS, GOODS, AND EFFECTS OF THE ENEMY!" BY THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS AND THE HELP OF JEHOVAH, *I WILL!*



AM I STILL IN YOUR EMPLOY, CAPTAIN?

I HAVE NO FORTUNE LEFT BUT MY SWORD...NO PROSPECT EXCEPT GETTING ALONGSIDE THE ENEMY!

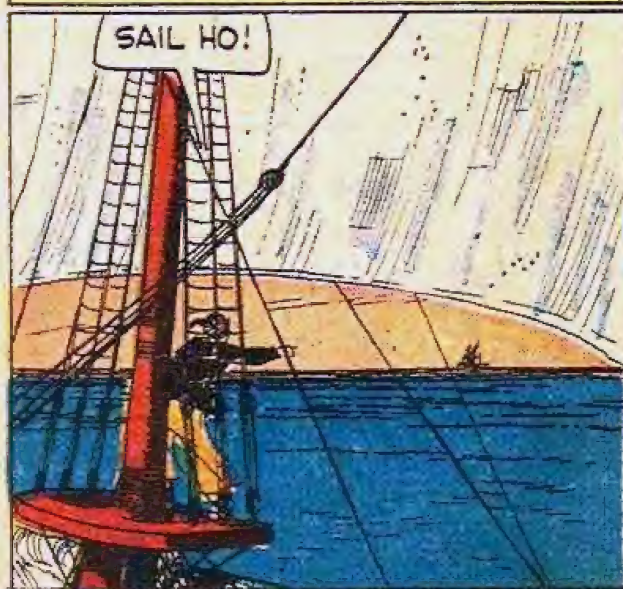


A MUSKET IS NO STRANGER TO MY HANDS...AND I BROUGHT MY PIPES AND MY KILT ALONG!

THANK YOU, MACBEAN! WOOLEY WILL FIND A BERTH FOR YOU!



THE VERY NEXT DAY, JOHN PAUL JONES SETS SAIL...TO MAKE HISTORY...





HE PERSONALLY LEADS ALL BOARDING PARTIES...



HIS COURAGE AND DARING SPREAD HIS REPUTATION LIKE WILDFIRE...

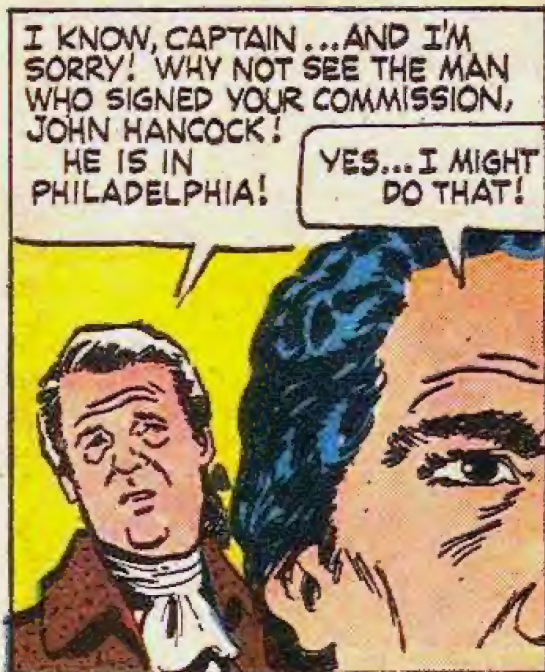
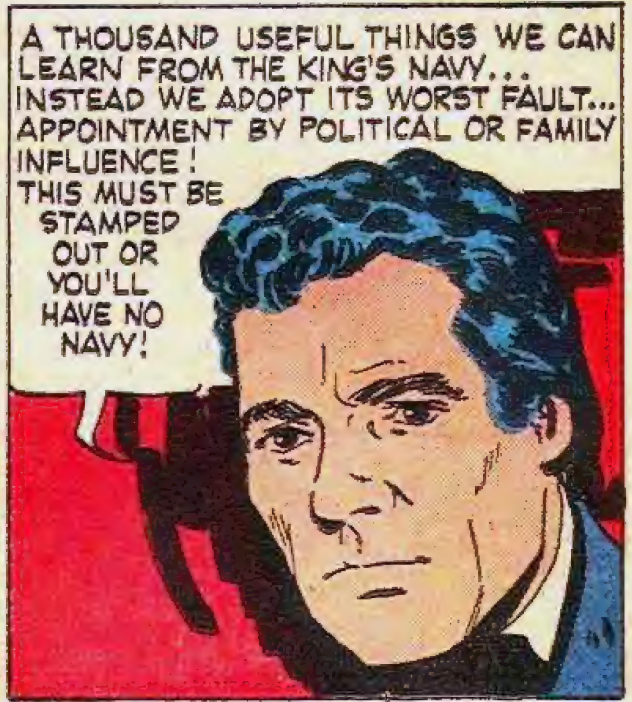


AND HIS OFFICIAL REPORTS ARE ASTOUNDING...



BUT NOT LONG AFTER THIS...



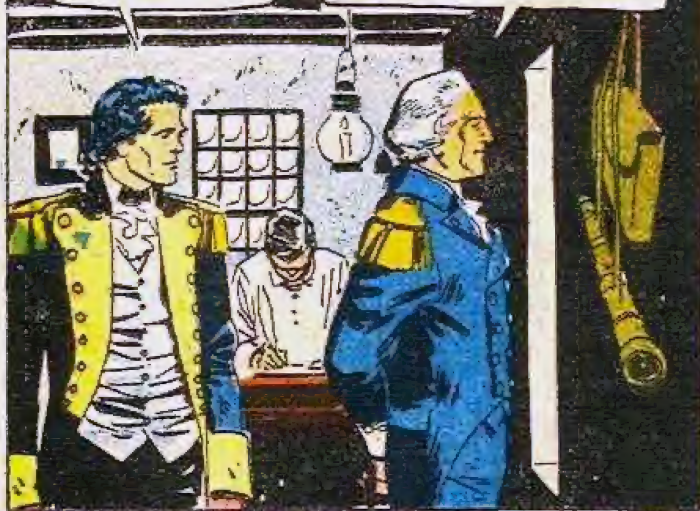


AT GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON'S HEADQUARTERS A FEW DAYS LATER...



AYE, SIR, OUT OF COMMISSION, NO SAILS, NO RIGGING AND WITHOUT A CREW!

IF I CAN GET THE "RANGER," COULD YOU REFIT, ENLIST A CREW, AND MAKE READY FOR A TRIP TO FRANCE?



WHY, YES, SIR ... BUT... WHY FRANCE?

A SHIP MUST BE PREPARED TO BREAK THE BLOCKADE AND CARRY NEWS TO BEN FRANKLIN IN PARIS!



I FEEL SURE THAT NEWS WILL BE OF A MAJOR VICTORY BY SPRING! NEWS OF SUCH A VICTORY COULD BRING A FRENCH ALLIANCE!



YOU SUPPLY THE MAJOR VICTORY, GENERAL... AND I WILL GUARANTEE DELIVERY OF THE NEWS!

WE WILL DO OUR BEST, CAPTAIN JONES!



IN THE SPRING OF 1777, GENERAL BURGOWNE'S ARMY IS DEFEATED AT SARATOGA AND JOHN PAUL JONES SETS SAIL FOR FRANCE WITH THE NEWS...



AND IN THE PARIS HOME OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN...

I AM CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES OF THE UNITED STATES SHIP, "RANGER"! I'M HERE TO SEE MR. FRANKLIN ON URGENT BUSINESS!

STATE YOUR BUSINESS, SIR, AND I WILL TRANSMIT IT TO HIM!

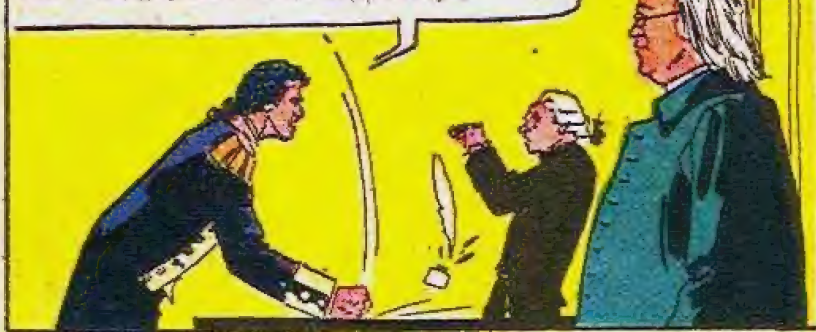


I'VE COME THREE THOUSAND MILES TO DELIVER THESE DISPATCHES, MISTER! NOW YOU TAKE YOURSELF TO MR. FRANKLIN AND TELL HIM THAT I AM HERE, *IMMEDIATELY!*

DID I HEAR THE NAME...JOHN PAUL JONES?

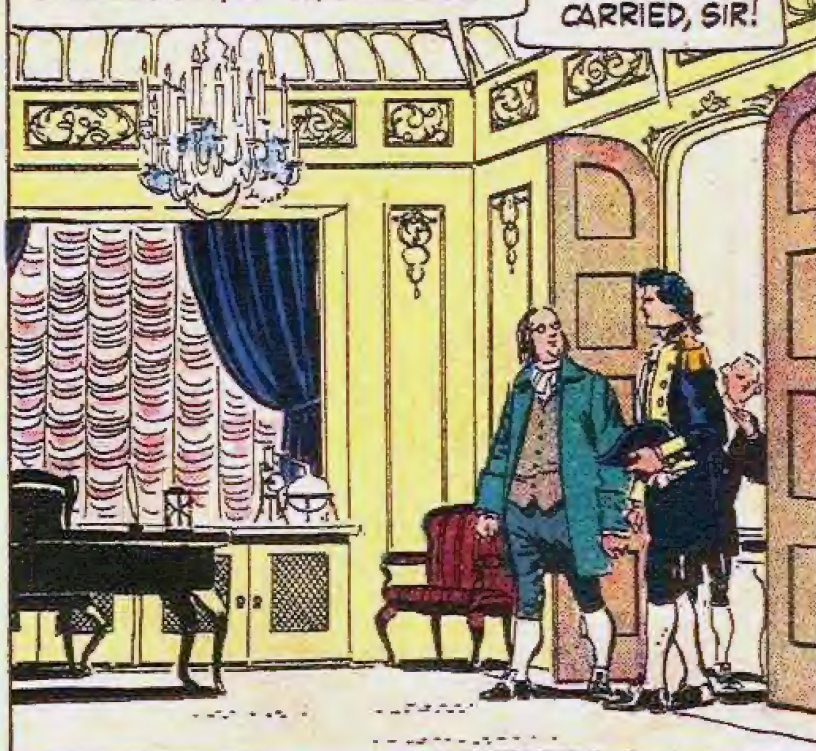
YOU DID, SIR ...AND AT YOUR SERVICE!

WELCOME, CAPTAIN! I'VE BEEN WAITING TO MEET YOU EVER SINCE READING OF YOUR EXPLOITS IN THE "PROVIDENCE"! COME IN, COME IN!



YOU MUST HAVE HAD A RAPID CROSSING...AND A ROUGH ONE, I WARRANT, AT THIS SEASON!

MY TRIP WAS MADE SWIFT BY THE NEWS I CARRIED, SIR!



THIS WAS MY CARGO...NEWS OF A MAJOR VICTORY BY AMERICAN FORCES!

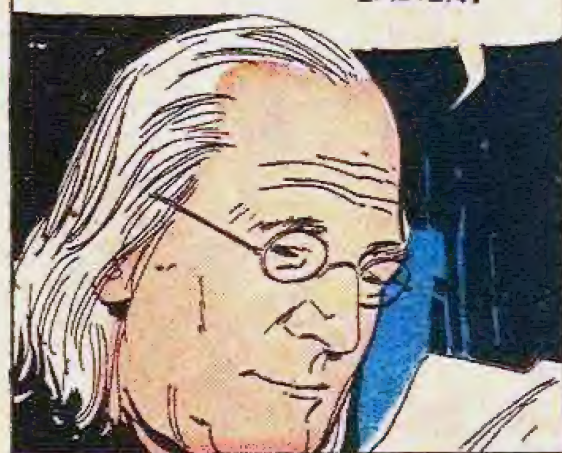
A MAJOR VICTORY! CAPTAIN, YOU'VE MADE THE SUN RISE TWICE THIS MORNING!



HERE YOU FIND ME, AN OLD MAN TRYING TO BRING A STUBBORN MONARCH INTO AN ALLIANCE WITH A YOUNG REPUBLIC! THIS GLAD NEWS WHICH YOU HAVE BROUGHT WILL MAKE MY TASK EASIER!

AND YOU, CAPTAIN...WHERE DO YOU INTEND TO LODGE WHILST YOU ARE IN PARIS?

WELL, SIR... I HADN'T THOUGHT...





BUT...IT HAS NOT BEEN DONE SINCE WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR!

A LANDING ON THE ENGLISH COAST, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, WOULD SHAKE THE GENTLEMEN IN WHITEHALL AS NOTHING HAS YET! IT WOULD BE SO UNEXPECTED!



SHIPS OF THE ROYAL NAVY WOULD HAVE TO BE DIVERTED TO HOME WATERS! POPULAR OPINION WOULD MOUNT AGAINST THE WAR ...MANY AN ENGLISHMAN IS AGAINST IT, ANYHOW!



MEANWHILE, CAPTAIN JOHN PAUL JONES PLAYS WILL-O-THE-WISP! SPLENDID, CAPTAIN! IF I WERE HALF-A-CENTURY YOUNGER, I WOULD ENLIST IN YOUR CREW! WHEN DO YOU SAIL?

TOMORROW, EARLY!



THREE DAYS LATER, ABOARD THE "RANGER"...

KEEP ON THE SAME COURSE UNTIL NIGHTFALL, MR. SIMPSON! IN THE MEANTIME, ORGANIZE A CONFERENCE IN MY CABIN!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



LATER, IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN...

GENTLEMEN, THAT LAND LOOMING OFF OUR BOWS IS THE PORT OF WHITEHAVEN! DURING THE NIGHT HOURS, I PLAN TO ENTER THE HARBOR AND BURN ALL THE SHIPPING WE FIND!

IT WILL SURELY BE FORTIFIED, WON'T IT, SIR?



CORRECT! THERE IS A FORT AND I INTEND TO CAPTURE IT WITH TWO BOATLOADS OF MEN BEFORE DAWN! ANY COMMENTS?

JUST A WORD OF WARNING, SIR! IF WE'RE CAUGHT, WE'LL BE HANGED AS PIRATES!

MY PLAN IS THAT WE WILL *NOT* BE CAUGHT! MR. SIMPSON, YOU TAKE ONE BOAT INTO THE HARBOR! I, MYSELF, WILL TAKE THE LANDING PARTY ASHORE!

YES, SIR!



AT DAWN THE DARING PLAN IS PUT INTO EFFECT...

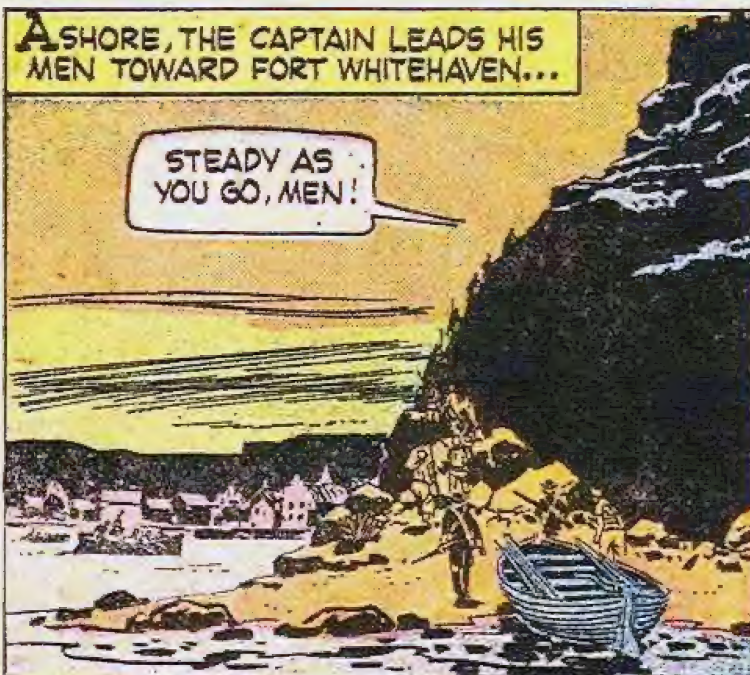
SHOVE OFF! MR. SIMPSON... SPREAD YOUR MEN AT KEY POINTS! THE MOMENT YOU SEE MY SIGNAL, START BURNING!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



ASHORE, THE CAPTAIN LEADS HIS MEN TOWARD FORT WHITEHAVEN...

STEADY AS YOU GO, MEN!



AT THE FORT...

NOW WE STRIKE A BLOW FOR FREEDOM, LADS!

AYE, SIR... AND QUITE A BLOW IT'LL BE TO THOSE TORIES!





ASHORE, JOHN AND HIS MEN FIRE THE STORES AND FIELDS...

STEP LIVELY, LADS!
INTO THE BOATS!



THOSE FIRES MAY WELL PUT AN
END TO ALL FUTURE BURNING IN
AMERICA!



NEWS OF THE DARING RAID HITS
ENGLAND LIKE A BOMBHELL...

I CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!

THEY ACTUALLY
SPIKED THE GUNS
OF THE FORT!



CAPTURED THE "DRAKE"...
AND OTHER PRIZES, TOO...
RIGHT IN VIEW OF OUR
COAST!

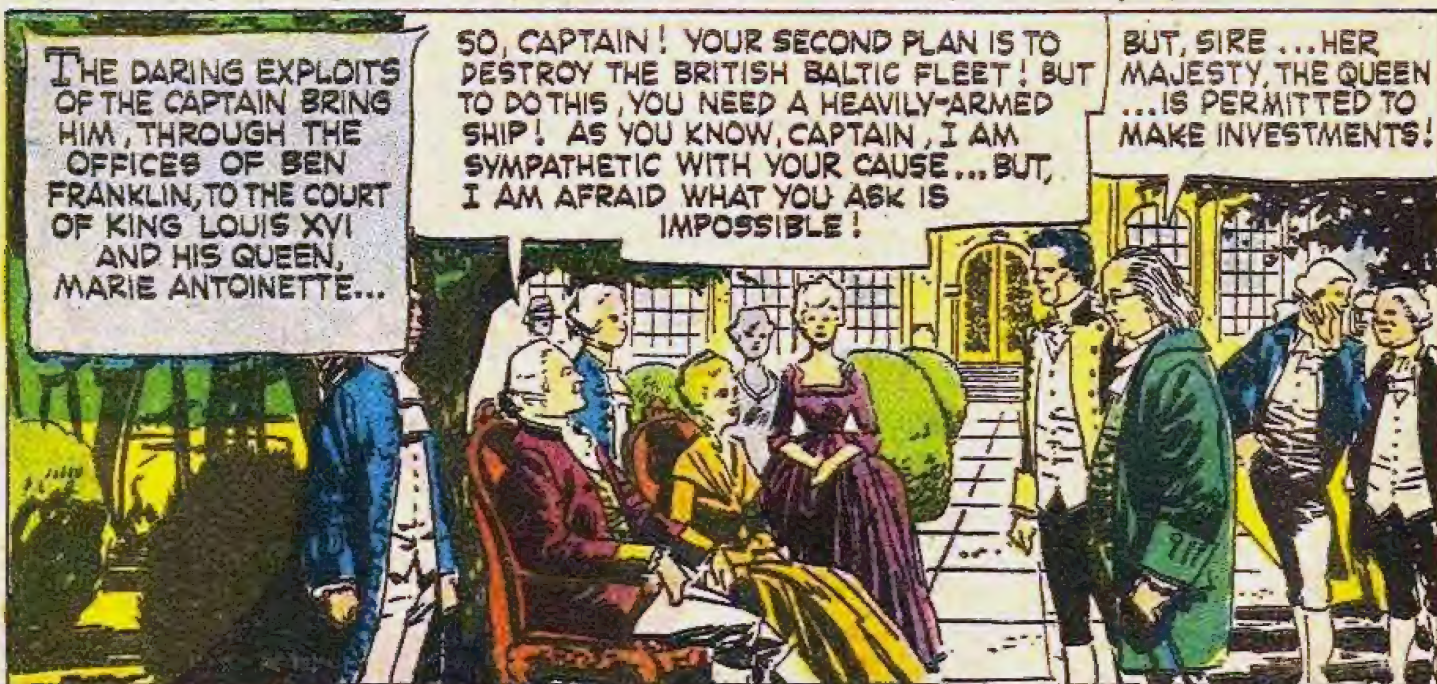
RIDICULOUS!



THE DARING EXPLOITS
OF THE CAPTAIN BRING
HIM, THROUGH THE
OFFICES OF BEN
FRANKLIN, TO THE COURT
OF KING LOUIS XVI
AND HIS QUEEN,
MARIE ANTOINETTE...

SO, CAPTAIN! YOUR SECOND PLAN IS TO
DESTROY THE BRITISH BALTIC FLEET! BUT
TO DO THIS, YOU NEED A HEAVILY-ARMED
SHIP! AS YOU KNOW, CAPTAIN, I AM
SYMPATHETIC WITH YOUR CAUSE... BUT,
I AM AFRAID WHAT YOU ASK IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

BUT, SIRE... HER
MAJESTY, THE QUEEN
...IS PERMITTED TO
MAKE INVESTMENTS!





NO OFFENSE, SIR... BUT THIS SHIP WILL PROBABLY SAIL SIDWAYS LIKE A CRAB IF WE HIT ROUGH WEATHER!

THIS CRAB, MR. MACBEAN, WILL HAVE NIPPERS AND QUITE A STING... SHE'LL GIVE THEM A FIGHT, RIGHT ENOUGH! AND, BY HEAVEN, WE'LL FIND A FIGHT!

I'VE HEARD YOU'VE NEVER LOST ONE, CAP'N!

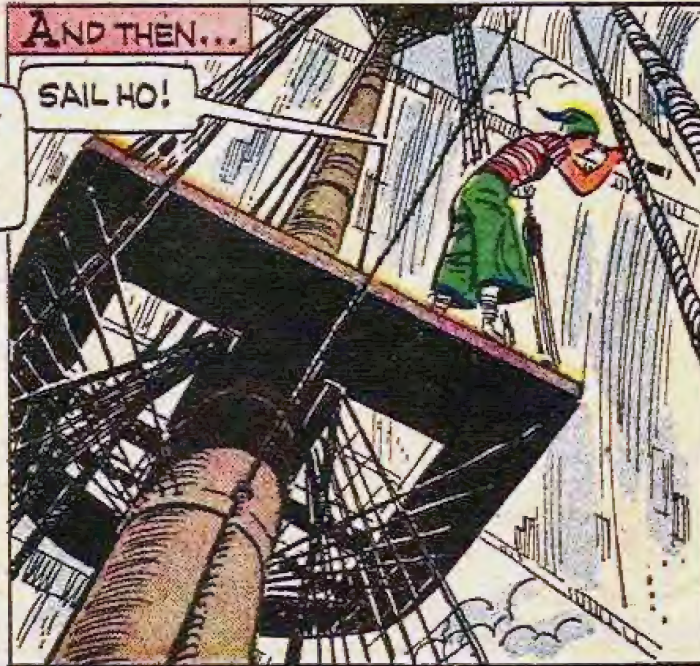
I'VE NOT YET FOUGHT THE ONE I WANT!



DO YOU REALIZE WHAT IT WOULD MEAN IF WE COULD JUST FIND THAT BALTIC CONVOY? EVERY SHIP IS LADEN WITH MASTS, SPARS, EQUIPMENT FOR THEIR MAIN BATTLE FLEET! WE **HAVE** TO FIND THEM!

AND THEN...

SAIL HO!



SPEAK, MAN! WHAT IS IT YOU SEE?

'TIS THE CONVOY, MACBEAN!



IN THE CONVOY ARE TWO HEAVILY-ARMED WARSHIPS!



ABOARD THE QUARTERDECK OF "H.M.S. SERAPIS"...

IT'S PROBABLY JOHN PAUL JONES, SIR! IF SO, THERE'S WORK AHEAD!

MAKE SIGNAL FOR CONVOY TO DISPERSE ACCORDING TO PLAN! 'COUNTRESS OF SCARBOROUGH' WILL GIVE COVER! **WE WILL ENGAGE!**

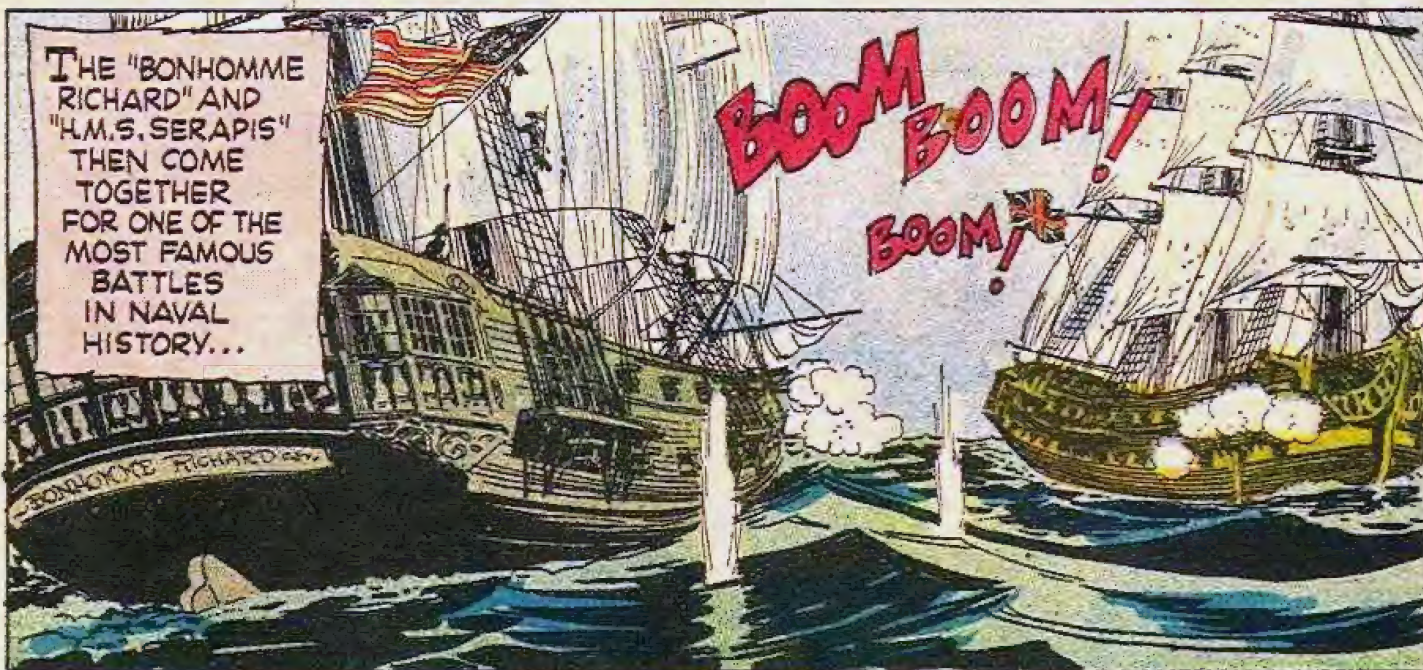


IT'S THE "SERAPIS," SIR ... BRAND-NEW! SHE CAN OUTSAIL AND OUTSHOOT US!

THEN WE HAVE TO USE A TRICK OR TWO! FIRST WE'LL GRAPPLE, THEN CLEAR HER DECKS! CLEAR OUR DECKS FOR ACTION!



THE "BONHOMME RICHARD" AND "H.M.S. SERAPIS" THEN COME TOGETHER FOR ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS BATTLES IN NAVAL HISTORY...



GRAPPLING HOOKS ARE THROWN ONTO THE "SERAPIS"...

LOOK LIVELY, LADS! GET THOSE LINES ABOARD!



FIRE AWAY, ME BUCKOS!





BUT JOHN PAUL JONES
SHOUTS BACK HIS ANSWER...

NO, SIR! *I HAVE NOT
YET BEGUN TO FIGHT!*



TAKE THE FLAG
TO THE TOP!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



THE BATTLE RAGES ON... AND THEN...

CAPTAIN, SIR! THE FIRE'S WITHIN INCHES OF
THE MAGAZINE! WE NEED EVERY MAN TO
FIGHT THE FIRE! THE SHIP'LL BLOW UP, SIR!



USELESS TO SHED MORE
BLOOD! MR. TRUMBLE,
STRIKE THE FLAG!

AYE, AYE, SIR!



CAPTAIN JONES! THEY'RE HAULING DOWN
THEIR FLAG! THEY'RE
SURRENDERING!

CEASE FIRE!
CEASE FIRE!



THE ENGLISH CAPTAIN OFFERS
HIS SWORD, BUT...

I WON'T ACCEPT
YOUR SWORD, CAPTAIN!
YOU FOUGHT A
VALIANT BATTLE!

THANK YOU, SIR...
I HAVE NO TIME
FOR COURTESIES,
MY MAGAZINES
ARE IN DANGER!



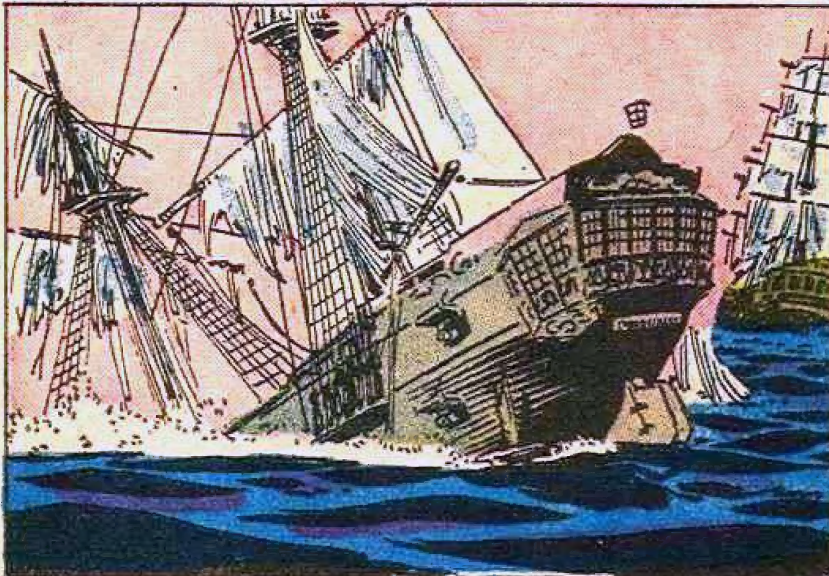
AND THE MEN FROM THE SINKING "BONHOMME
RICHARD" ARE TRANSFERRED TO THE "SERAPIS"...

ORGANIZE FIRE PARTIES!
WE MUST SAVE THIS SHIP!

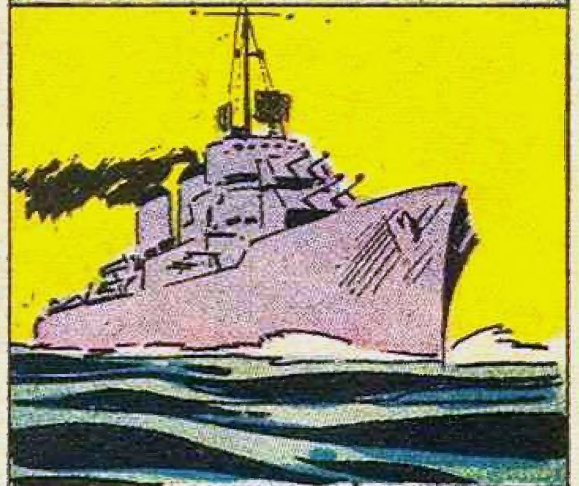
AYE, SIR!



AND...THEN THE VALIANT SHIP BOWS IN GLORY
AND SINKS TO A WATERY GRAVE...



BUT THE COURAGE OF THE
"BONHOMME RICHARD" AND HER
MEN WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!
A NEW AND MODERN NAVY NOW
DEFENDS OUR FREEDOM...



THE SPIRIT OF JOHN PAUL JONES
CONTINUES TO SERVE...AND INSPIRE US
...THE SPIRIT OF THE MAN WHO SAID,
"I HAVE NOT YET
BEGUN TO FIGHT!"



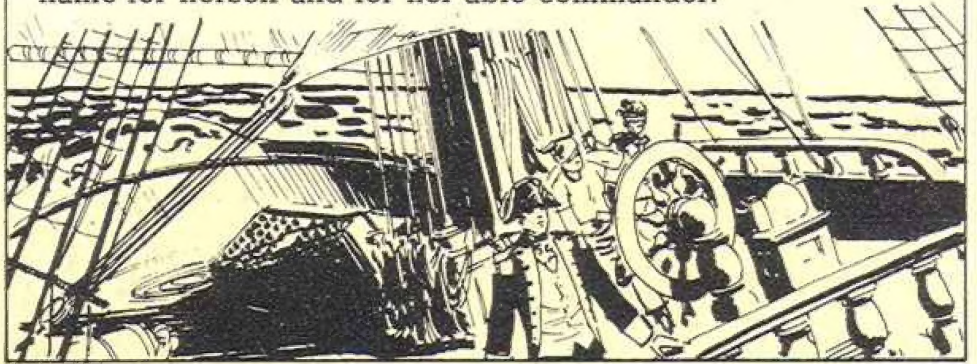
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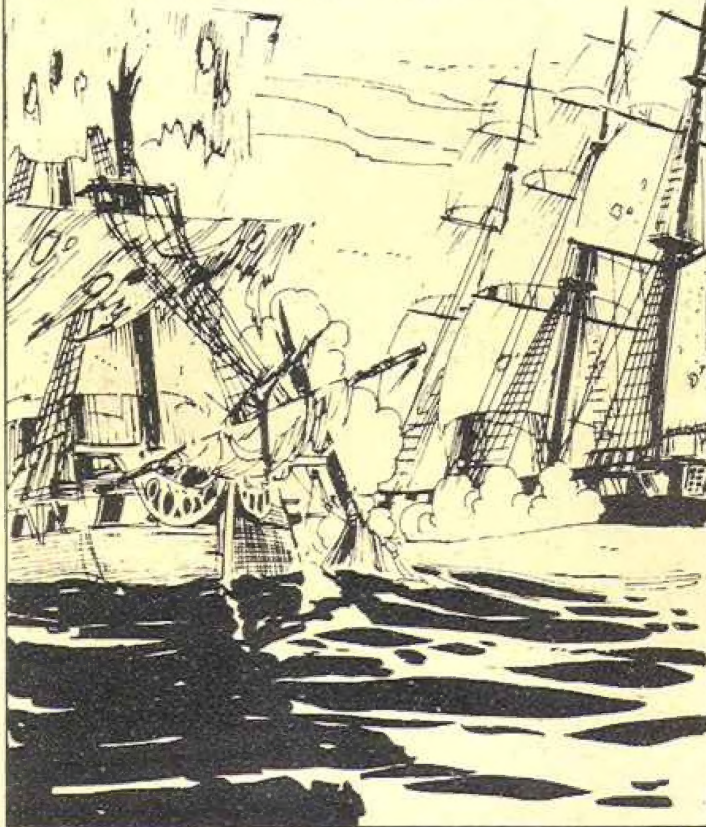
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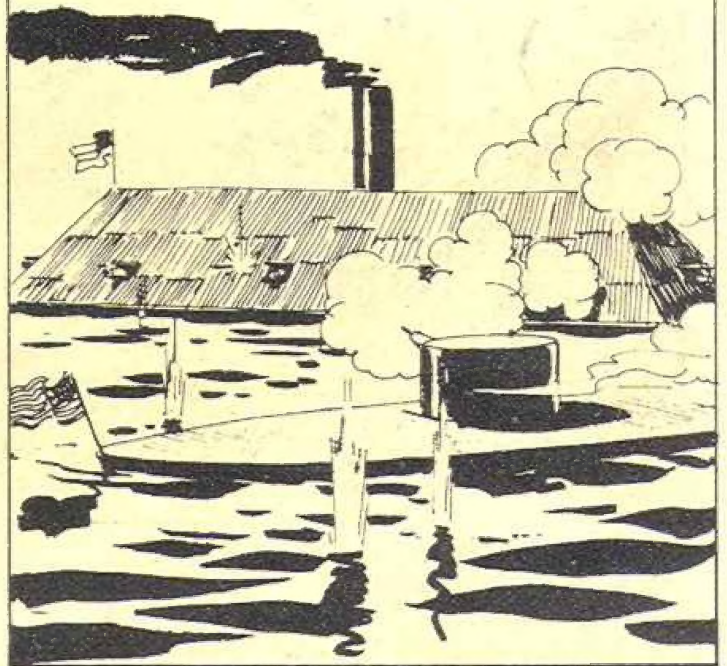
John Paul Jones was the commander of one of the first United States fighting ships. This vessel, the "Alfred," was a trading ship, converted for fighting purposes. She soon won a proud name for herself and for her able commander.



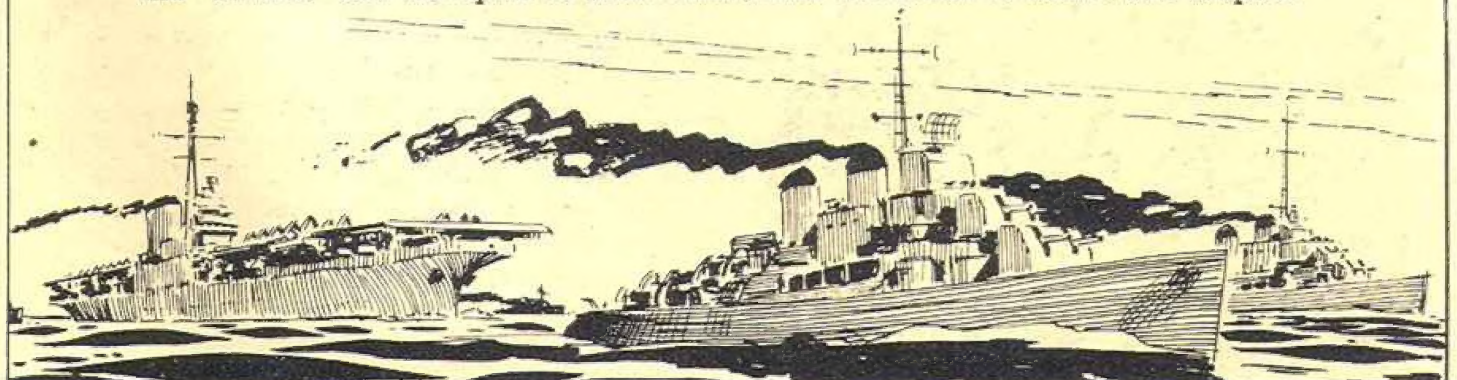
Another great ship of the United States Navy was the 44-gun frigate, "Constitution." Her strength was proven in the War of 1812 when she bested the British ship, "Guerriere," and won the nickname of "Old Ironsides."

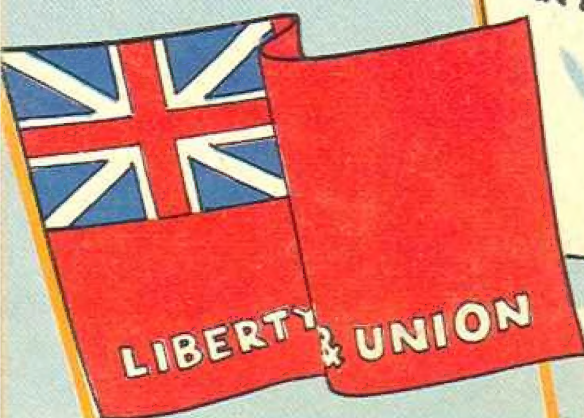


During the Civil War, two armored ships fought for the first time. The Union ship, "Monitor," with its cannon-proof swivel-turret finally forced the Southern ship, "Merrimac," to retreat from the battle.



Today, the fast-moving ships of the United States Navy cruise on and under all the seven seas of the world. We have come a long way since the days of the "Alfred," but the spirit of John Paul Jones continues to serve and inspire.

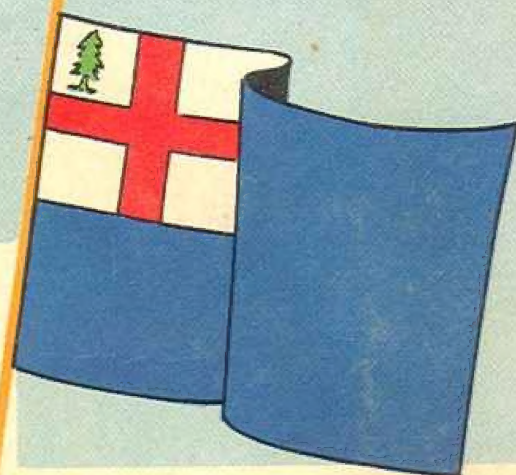




THE TAUNTON FLAG (1774) was among the first flags designed by American colonists. British influence was strongly felt during this era, and the flag was actually a form of the British red ensign, with the words "Liberty and Union" added.



THE PINE TREE FLAG (1775) was used by vessels of the American Navy in New England waters during the Revolutionary War. Flown from the masts of the ships of the new republic, it soon came to be known as "the flag of Washington's cruisers."

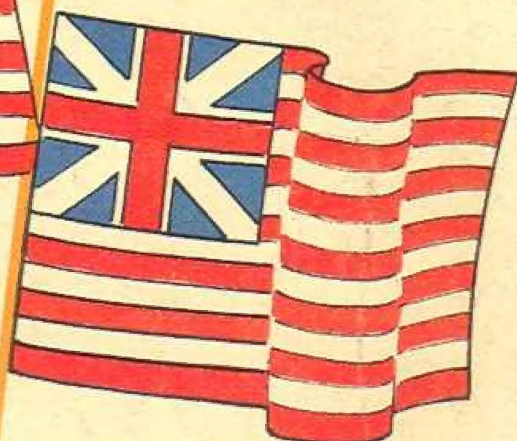


THE BUNKER HILL FLAG (1775) was another example of British influence on American flag making. In this instance, however, a small green pine tree was added to an altered British design. This flag was flown at the battle of Bunker Hill.

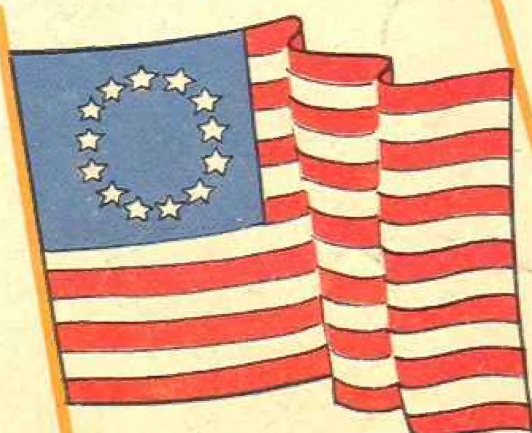
Historic Flags of the Revolutionary War



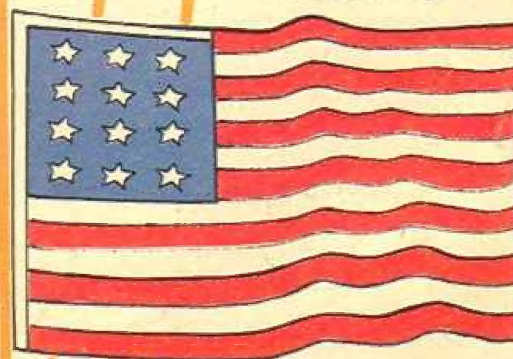
THE U.S. NAVY JACK (1775) had for its symbol a rattlesnake under which appeared the words "Don't Tread On Me." It was adopted by the Colonial Navy and was one of the first flags to show the arrangement of thirteen stripes.



THE GRAND UNION FLAG (1775) used thirteen stripes plus part of the symbol from the British national ensign. John Paul Jones flew this flag from the ship, "Alfred," and General George Washington displayed a similar design over his headquarters.



THE NATIONAL FLAG (1777) was the first American flag to introduce the stars and stripes. It is said that the flag was designed by George Washington and was made by Mrs. Betsy Ross, of Philadelphia, who also suggested that the stars be five pointed.



THE BON HOMME RICHARD FLAG (1779) was another flag associated with John Paul Jones and his memorable career. After the time of the National Flag, various arrangements of stars were used. This design is of four rows with three stars to each row.